

Youthful Drivers

Table 34 shows the collisions involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2003, one out of every four collisions involved a youthful driver. In 2003, youthful drivers were involved in 2.3 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.5 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

Table 34 Collisions Involving Youthful Drivers (15 to 19 Years Old): 1999-2003							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Change 2002-2003	Avg. Change 1999-2002
Total Collisions	7,258	7,490	6,910	6,961	6,713	-3.6%	-1.3%
Fatalities	66	48	64	45	37	-17.8%	-7.9%
Serious Injuries	463	437	431	416	328	-21.2%	-3.5%
Visible Injuries	1,632	1,665	1,456	1,564	1,343	-14.1%	-1.0%
Possible Injuries	2,382	2,341	2,164	2,415	2,276	-5.8%	0.8%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	395	399	368	367	296	-19.3%	-2.3%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	15.9%	16.0%	16.1%	14.7%	12.9%	-11.9%	-2.5%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	77,943	79,353	69,812	67,050	65,605	-2.2%	-4.7%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	8.7%	8.9%	7.7%	7.4%	7.1%	-4.2%	-5.1%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.82	1.81	2.07	1.98	1.82	-8.0%	3.2%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	64	47	51	40	31	-22.5%	-13.2%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	11	8	12	8	6	-25.0%	-3.5%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	17.2%	17.0%	23.5%	20.0%	19.4%	-3.2%	7.4%
<i>*The Driver Involvement Rate is the percent of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury collisions divided by percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>							

In 2003, the economic cost of collisions involving youthful drivers was \$364.2 million dollars. This represents 21% of the total cost of collisions in 2003 (as shown in Table 4).